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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

In the Specification

Please insert the following new paragraph after the Title of the invention on page 1, line 2:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 08/792,415, filed February 3, 1997, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/021,135, filed September 12, 1996, now abandoned.

Please substitute the following paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 8:

Methylphenidate was first prepared as a mixture of the *erythro* [*R***S**] and *threo* [*R***R**] racemates. US-A-2957880 discloses studies upon the two racemic mixtures, which revealed that the therapeutic activity resides in the *threo* diastereoisomer. It is now considered that it is the *d-threo* [or (*R,R*)] enantiomer that has the preferred therapeutic activity. Uses of this enantiomer are disclosed in PCT/GB96/01688 (International Publication No. WO 97/03671), PCT/GB96/01689 (International Publication No. WO 97/03672) and PCT/GB96/01690 (International Publication No. WO 97/03673), the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.